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Applicant would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner, that the Issue Fee is due on November 21, 2006, and a prompt response is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if any questions should remain regarding this communication.

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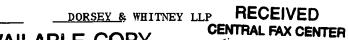
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